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13.00 hrs.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I now go to the 'Zero Hour'.

Title : Regarding a death-sentence passed by KYKL, an extremist group in Manipur , on Shri Th. Chaoba Singh, Member of Lok Sabha.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI (RAIGANJ): Sir, there is a Calling Attention Motion.

MR. SPEAKER: I am going to take up the Calling Attention Motion after the recess. Hon. Member Shri Chaoba Singh has an important matter to raise.

SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH (INNER MANIPUR): Sir, I wish to bring to your kind notice a very serious matter.

A banned underground extremist group in Manipur called KYKL has passed death sentence on me.

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR (MAYILADUTURAI): Sir, there are two more papers to be laid on the Table.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA (CANARA): There are papers yet to be laid on the Table.

MR. SPEAKER: We will do that after him. This is a serious matter. Let me listen to him first.

SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH : Sir, KYKL, a banned underground extremist group in Manipur has passed a death sentence on me, a sitting Member of Parliament. The death sentence was published in a newspaper dated 30th January, 2004. They say that I am an agent of the Government of India. This Group has also said that it will target the BJP workers and office-bearers because I am the President of the BJP in Manipur. â€¦ (*Interruptions*)

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a serious matter. It is published in the same article that this militant group has sent out militants to kill me at any time. This is a challenge made by this militant group against the Parliament of India and the democracy of the country as whole. I have already informed the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister, the Governor of Manipur, the Minister of State for Home, and the Home Secretary about this in writing also. However, no action has so far been taken by the Government of Manipur even after seven days of the publication of this threat.

MR. SPEAKER: Please conclude now. No more time can be given.

SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH : No action has been taken by the Government of Manipur so far to protect the lives of innocent BJP workers and office bearers in Manipur.

MR. SPEAKER: I have already written a letter to the Home Minister to take care of this.

SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH : Sir, in 1990, my wife and my son were also shot dead by these extremists.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : श्री टीएच. चाओबा सिंह जी, मैंने इस विाय में, आज ही उप प्रधान मंत्री जी को पत्र लिख दिया है।

SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH : Sir, I would request you to kindly direct the Central Government, and particularly the Government of Manipur, to take all steps to protect the lives of Members of Parliament and party workers in that State.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI : Sir, I know the case. The Government of India should take note of the situation and protect the life of the Member.

MR. SPEAKER: I have requested the Government to give him necessary protection. Please sit down now.

SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH : Sir, please direct the Government of Manipur to take steps.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI : We all want that special support be given to him. His family was destroyed, I know. His house was burnt down. He is the last target of the extremists. The Government of India should give all support to him.

MR. SPEAKER: I have requested the Deputy Prime Minister to look into his case and give him necessary protection immediately.

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN (BALASORE): Sir, it is not only Shri Chaoba Singh but all the BJP workers in the State

are being threatened. If not him, other workers will be killed. So, all BJP workers should also be protected. If they are all killed, who will come to this Parliament?

Shri ANIL BASU (ARAMBAGH): Sir, we all fully sympathise with him.